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La Habra Police Department Press Release

Four Year Old Child Remains Missing – Public's Assistance Requested

La Habra, CA – On July 28, 2014, the La Habra Police Department was notified by Natalia Zurita Rodriguez, that her 4 year old daughter, Isabella Grace Delgado, was missing, along with her father, Felipe Alexander Delgado. Ms. Rodriguez relayed to the officer taking the report that she and the child's father, had broken up approximately 2 months earlier, and while there no formal custodial agreement; they had shared custody of their daughter through verbal agreement.

On the morning of 7/26/14, she stated Delgado had picked his daughter up from her. However, around noon the following day, when she called Delgado to check up on Isabella, there was no answer. She sent numerous text messages to Felipe's cell phone and there were no responses to those either. Concerned, she contacted one of Felipe's family members who advised her that he and Isabella had gone to the beach. On 7/28/14, when she still had not heard back from Felipe, she spoke with his mother who told her that neither of them had returned since leaving around 9:00 a.m. the previous day.

Concerned for the wellbeing of her young daughter, Natalia came to the police station to file a missing person report. As part of the reporting process, the officer went out to the residence on S. Hillcrest Street, the last known location of both Felipe and Isabella. He spoke with Delgado's mother who confirmed that she had not

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seen her son or his daughter since they left for the beach. She indicated that, at that time of their departure, Delgado was wearing a blue shirt, blue jeans, and white shoes and Isabella was wearing a bathing suit. They were last seen walking north on Hillcrest towards La Habra Blvd, en route, she believed, to Huntington Beach. Delago's mother also filed a missing report on her son, Felipe.

Information on the two missing persons was immediately distributed to surrounding law enforcement agencies, as well as contact made with OCTD, since Felipe left home on foot. Natalia expressed concern that Felipe may be headed to Mexico with Isabella, so this information was also shared with Border Patrol. Flyers were also made available for public distribution.

Since that time, La Habra detectives have been pursuing all active leads, but have not been able to locate either of the missing parties.

Ms. Rodriguez indicated that she got a phone call on September 8th from Felipe, from an unlisted number. He would not allow her to speak to Isabella, tell her where they were, or agree to bring the child back. At this juncture, this now appears to be a case of parental child abduction. The department continues to request the public's assistance in locating Felipe and Isabella, so that Isabella can be reunited with her mother. Anyone who may have seen Isabella or her father is urged to contact the La Habra Police Department at (562) 383-4300, the department's anonymous tip line at (562) 383-4358, or Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIPS-OCCS.

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